(d) Does not arise.

Crimes by juveniles

600. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press reports to the recent increase in the heinous crimes committed by juveniles in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted to analyse the factors contributing to such a trend among the youth; and

(c) the measures contemplated to contain this erosion in moral value among the children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) Certain incidents of heinous crimes, alleged to have been committed by juveniles, have been reported by the Press recently. However, as per data available with the National Crime Records Bureau, there has been no up-trend witnessed in juvenile crime.

(b) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment has not conducted any study on this subject;

(c) The Ministry of Human Resource Development is implementing a scheme called 'Scheme of Assistance for Strengthening Culture and Values in Education'. The scheme aims at strengthening cultural and value education inputs in the school and non-formal education system. Under this scheme, financial assistace is given to Voluntary Organizations for inculcating human values in the minds of children.

Inclusion of Koli communities in the list of scheduled tribes

601. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Karnataka Government had sent a proposal to include all the 42 synonymous Koli communities under the ST list;

(b) if so, whether it has come to the notice of Government that the